

**LAKE FIVE/FWP FOUNDATION DONATION
FACT SHEET
APRIL 2006**

In November of 2004, funds were donated for a ten-acre parcel of land on Lake Five in Flathead County. This donation to the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Foundation was done with the intent that the property be developed as a fishing access site to be managed by Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). The action to be considered today is whether to accept the donation of the property, and the funding made available to assist in management of the property, with the intent of developing the property as a fishing access site.

Lake Five is a 151-acre lake located off of Highway 2 between Columbia Falls and West Glacier. This lake currently has no publicly managed access for boat launching. There is a private resort located on the lake, which provides a launch for their clientele. In the past they have allowed the public to launch there for a fee; however, two individuals have told us that they have been turned away in recent years. Public boat access has been lost at a number of lakes in Region One (Lake Blaine, Beaver Lake, Many Lakes, Milner Lake, etc.) when land previously used by the public was sold or converted in use.

The lake contains brook trout, kokanee salmon, yellow perch, and largemouth bass. Current fishing pressure is 496 fishing days annually. In the past, when access was more readily available, fishing pressure was much greater.

The objective of this action is to provide recreational access to Lake Five for fishing, while minimizing impacts on current property owners.

OWNER:	▶ FWP Foundation Helena, Montana
PROPERTY RIGHT TO BE ACQUIRED:	▶ Fee Simple
PROPERTY DATA:	▶ Property located in Flathead County, Montana ▶ 10 acres on Lake Five ▶ T31N, R19E, portion of section 9
COST:	▶ Donation
FUNDING	▶ N/A
PROCESS:	▶ Draft Environmental Assessment distributed; End of 30-day Public Comment Period 03/16/05; Decision Notice issued 05/31/05; FWP Commission Approval – 03/20/06.